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STORY SO FAR





DR. STARLINE

Threat Level: 7/10
Disgraced Dr. Eggman protégé.



ZAVOK

Threat Level: 10/10
Plan to take over the world ruined, in part, by Eggman.



MIMIC

Threat Level: 8/10
Failed mercenary on the run.



ROUGH

Threat Level: 3/10
Occasional Eggman lackey, just along for the ride.



TUMBLE

Threat Level: 3/10
Occasional Eggman lackey, in it for the weapons.

"I'VE ASSEMBLED QUITE
THE MOTLEY CREW."

"MIMIC,
THE EXPERT
INFILTRATOR..."

"...TUMBLE,
A POWERFUL
OAF..."

"...ROUGH,
A VICIOUS
SCOUNDREL..."

"...AND ZAVOK,
THE FEARSOME
LEADER OF THE
DEADLY SIX."





EVERY ONE OF THEM THINKS WE'RE IN THIS TO GET REVENGE ON DR. EGGMAN.

BUT *NONE* OF THEM SUSPECT THEY'RE ALL JUST PARTS IN A MUCH LARGER PLAN TO PUT ME BACK IN HIS GOOD GRACES.

SOON THE NAME "DR. *STARLINE*" WILL BE WELCOME IN THE EGGMAN EMPIRE ONCE AGAIN!



BUT FIRST, I NEED THE POWER TO KEEP PACE IN A WORLD OF SUPERSONIC HEDGEHOGS...

EARLIER.

THESE ARE OUR TARGETS, GENTLEMEN. *POWER CORES.*

POWER FLY SPEED



HA! WHAT'RE WE S'POSED TO DO WITH THOSE? BUILD A BALL PIT?

WE'VE BEEN BANNED FROM ALL OF 'EM 'CAUSE WE KEEP KICKIN' OUT ALL THE KIDS.

THEY WANT THE TURF? THEY GOTTA FIGHT FOR IT.



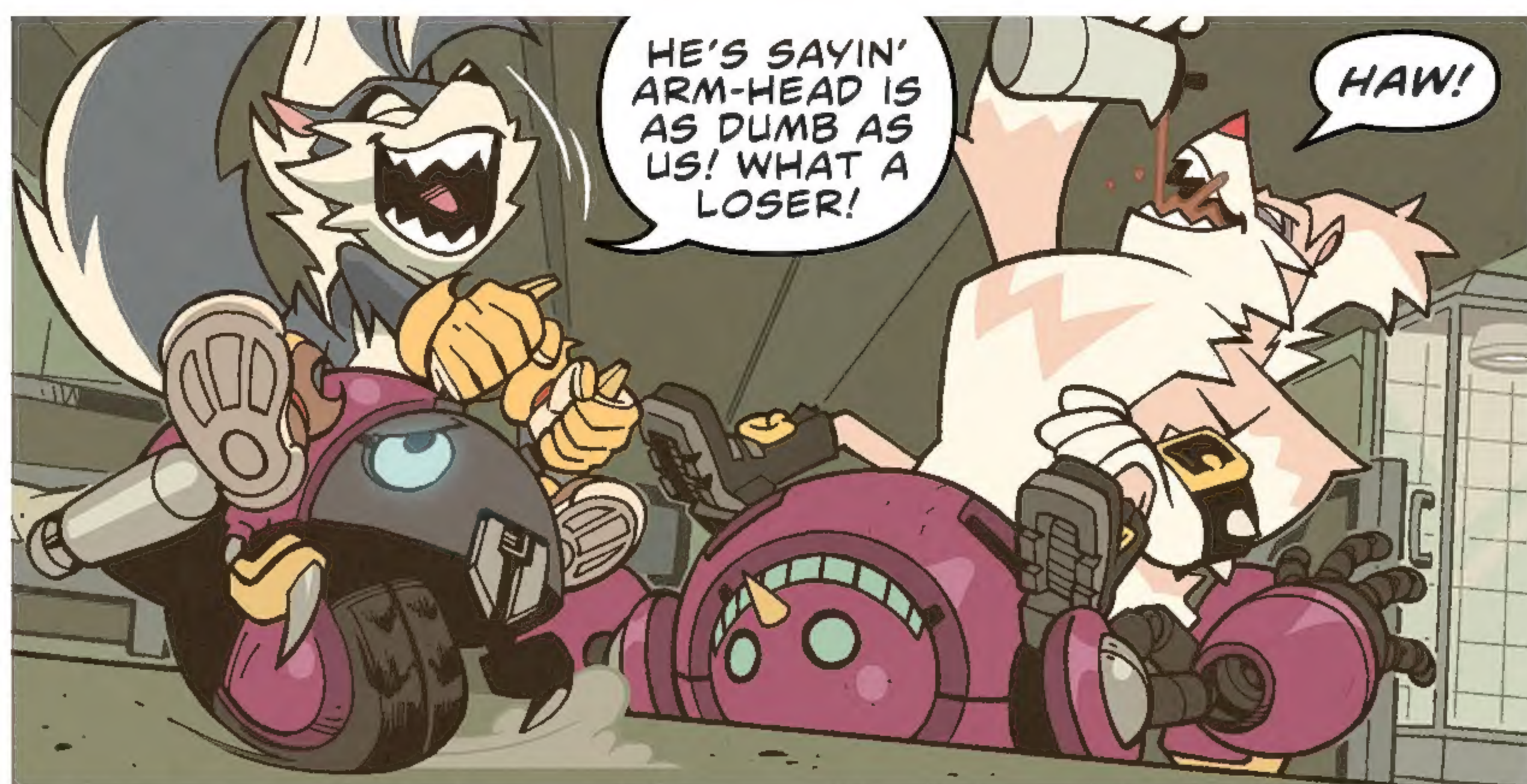
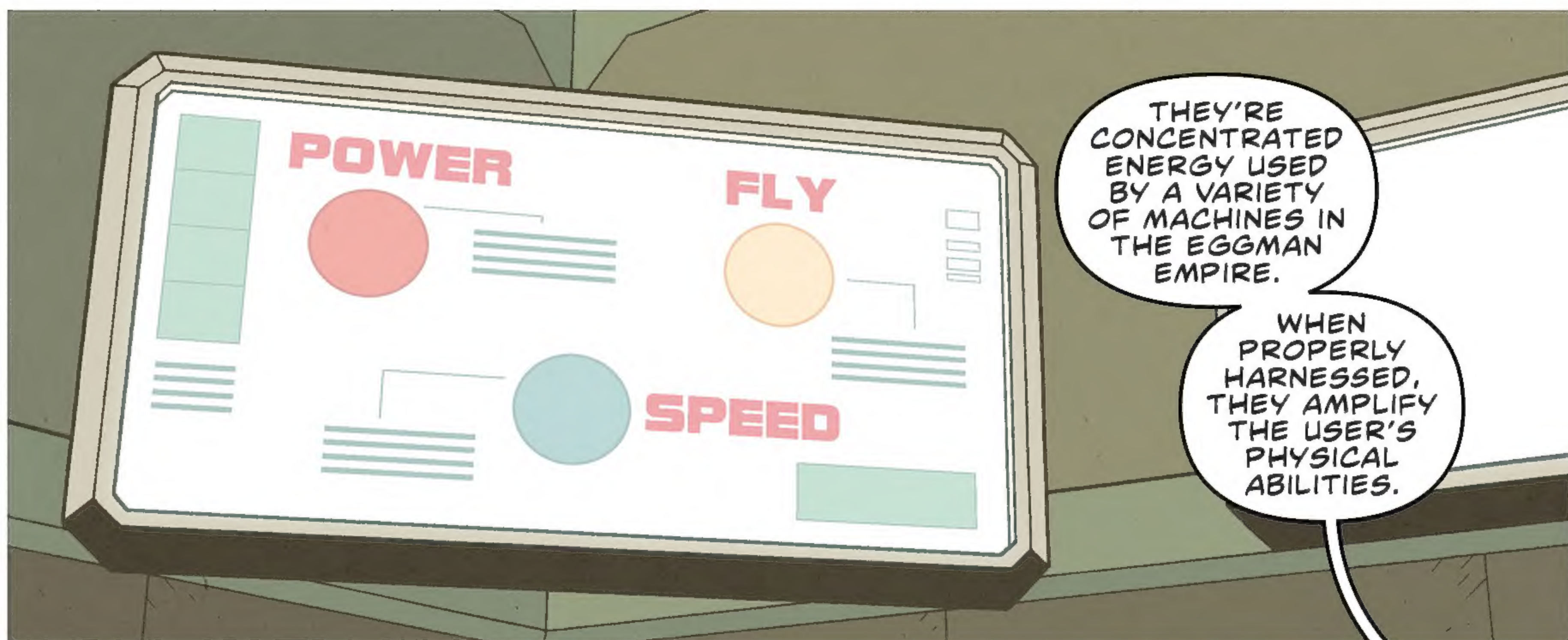
THAT'S EGGMAN TECH, ISN'T IT?

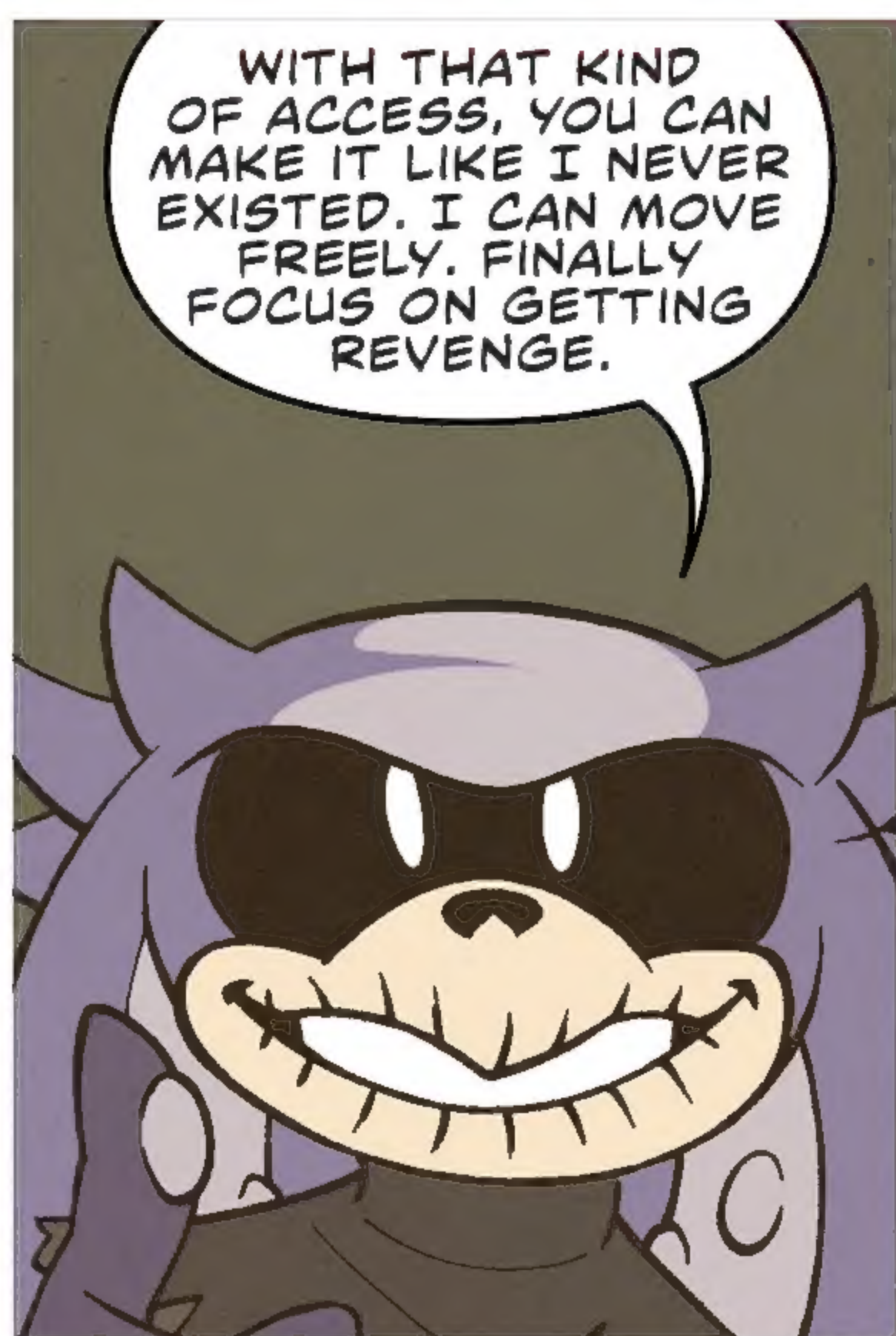
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GET ME OFF HIS RADAR, NOT TICK HIM OFF MORE.

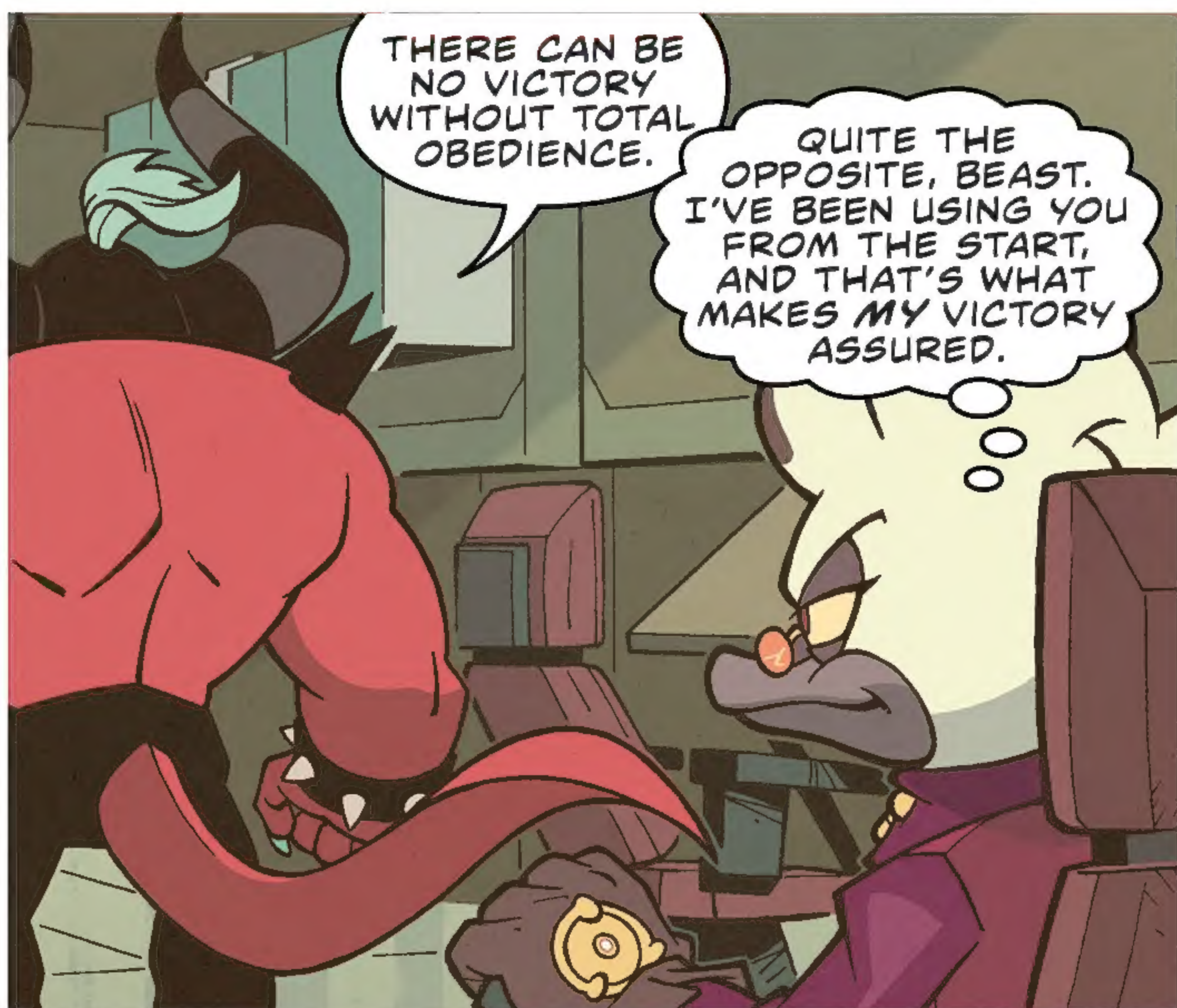


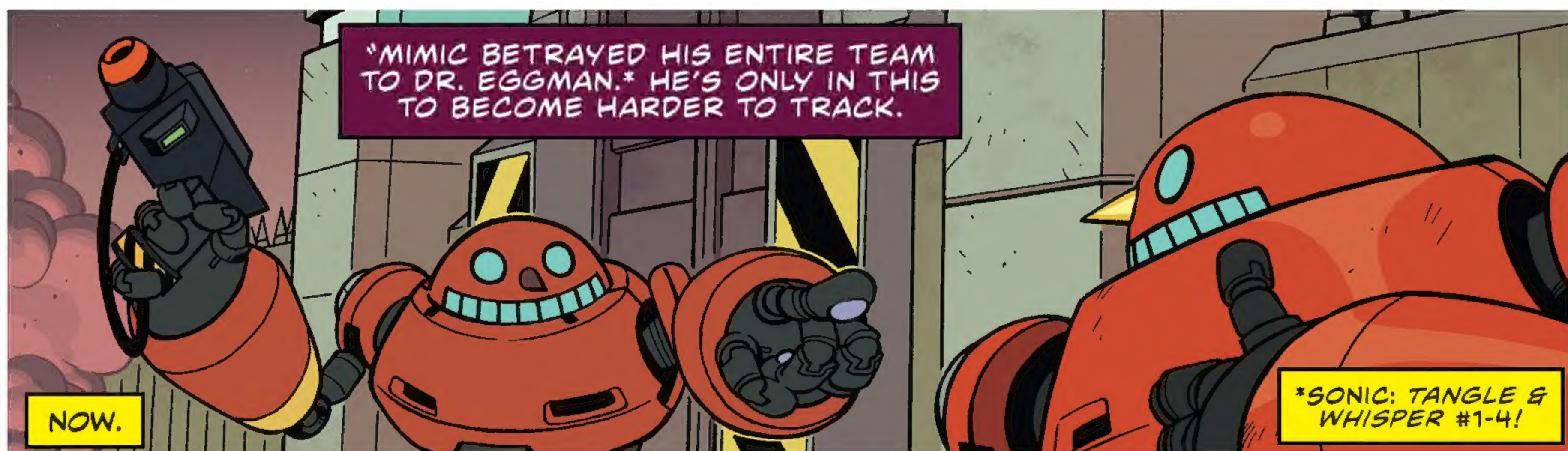
WE *NEED* THEIR POWER FOR PHASE TWO OF THE PLAN. THEN YOU'LL BE ERASED FROM HIS RECORDS, NOT BEFORE.

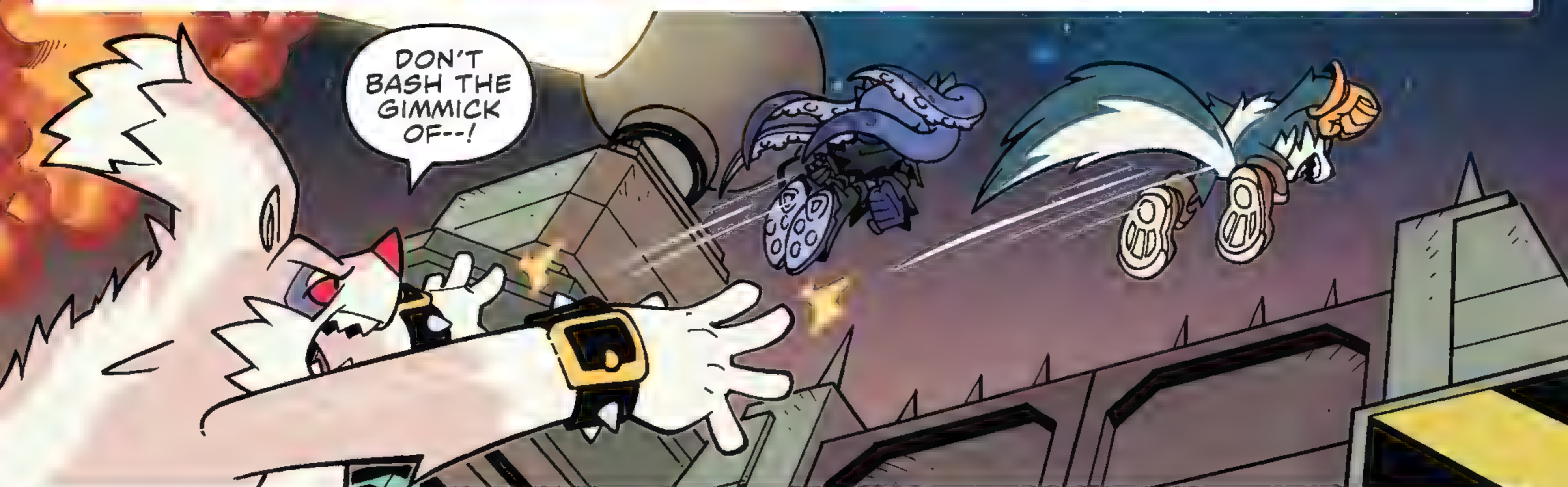
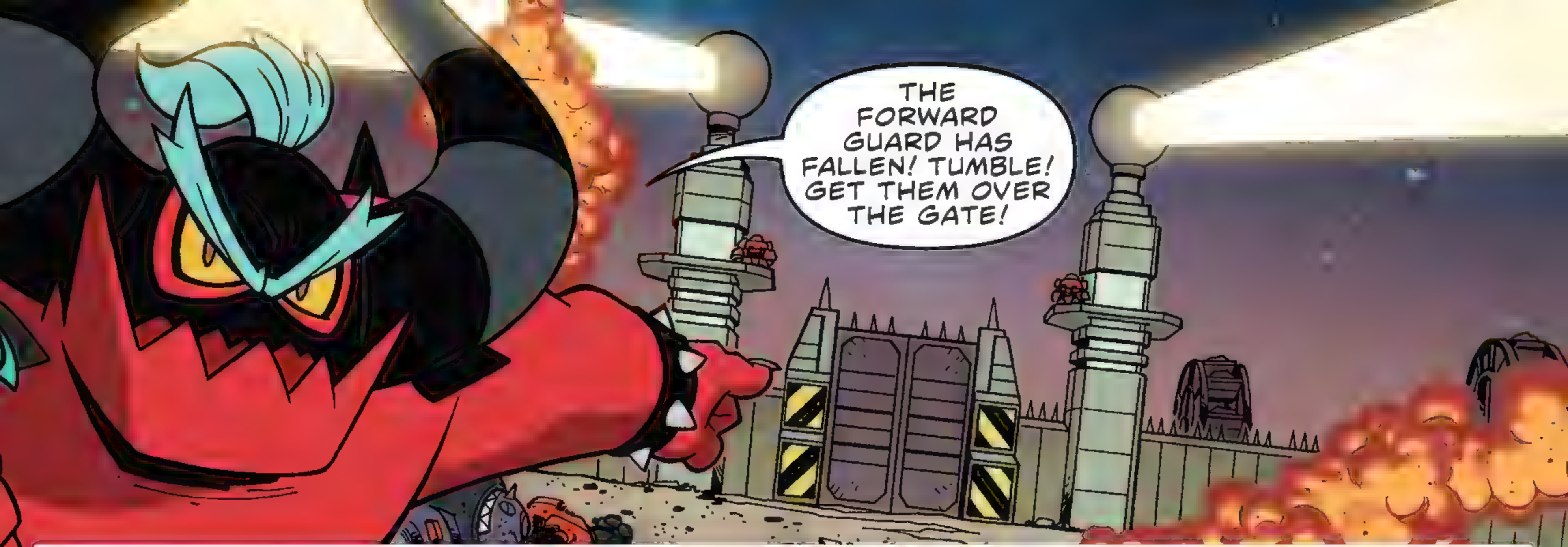
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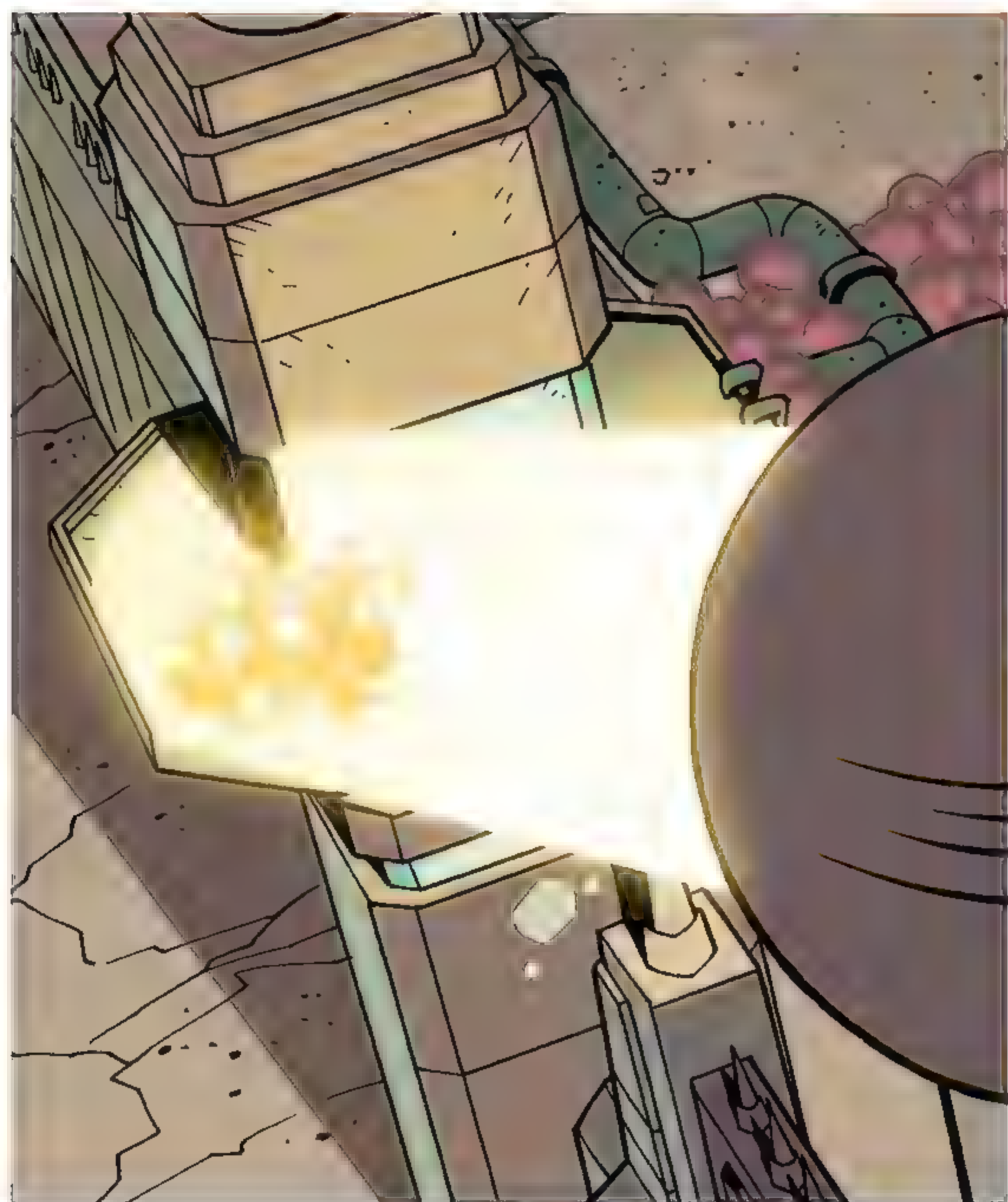
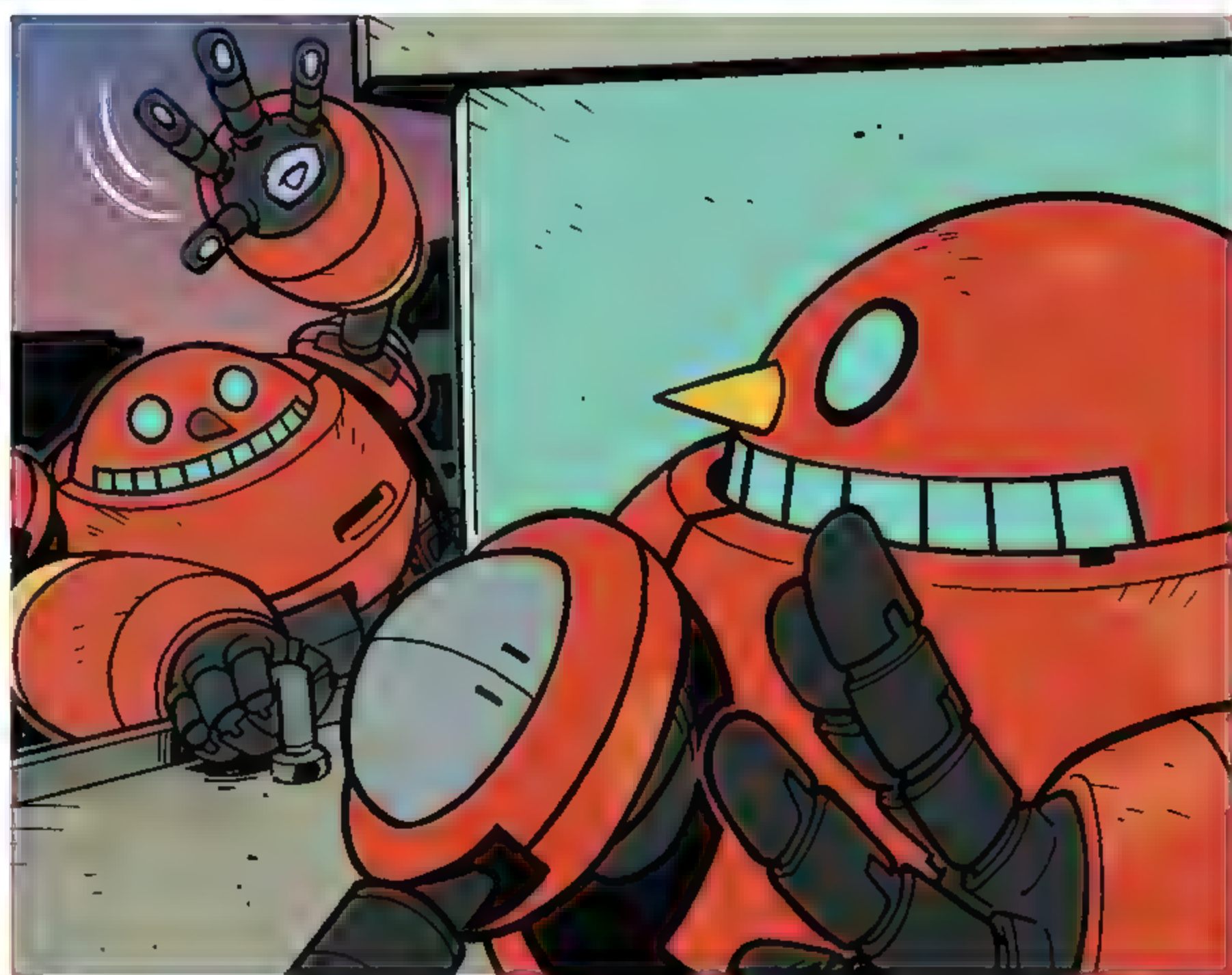








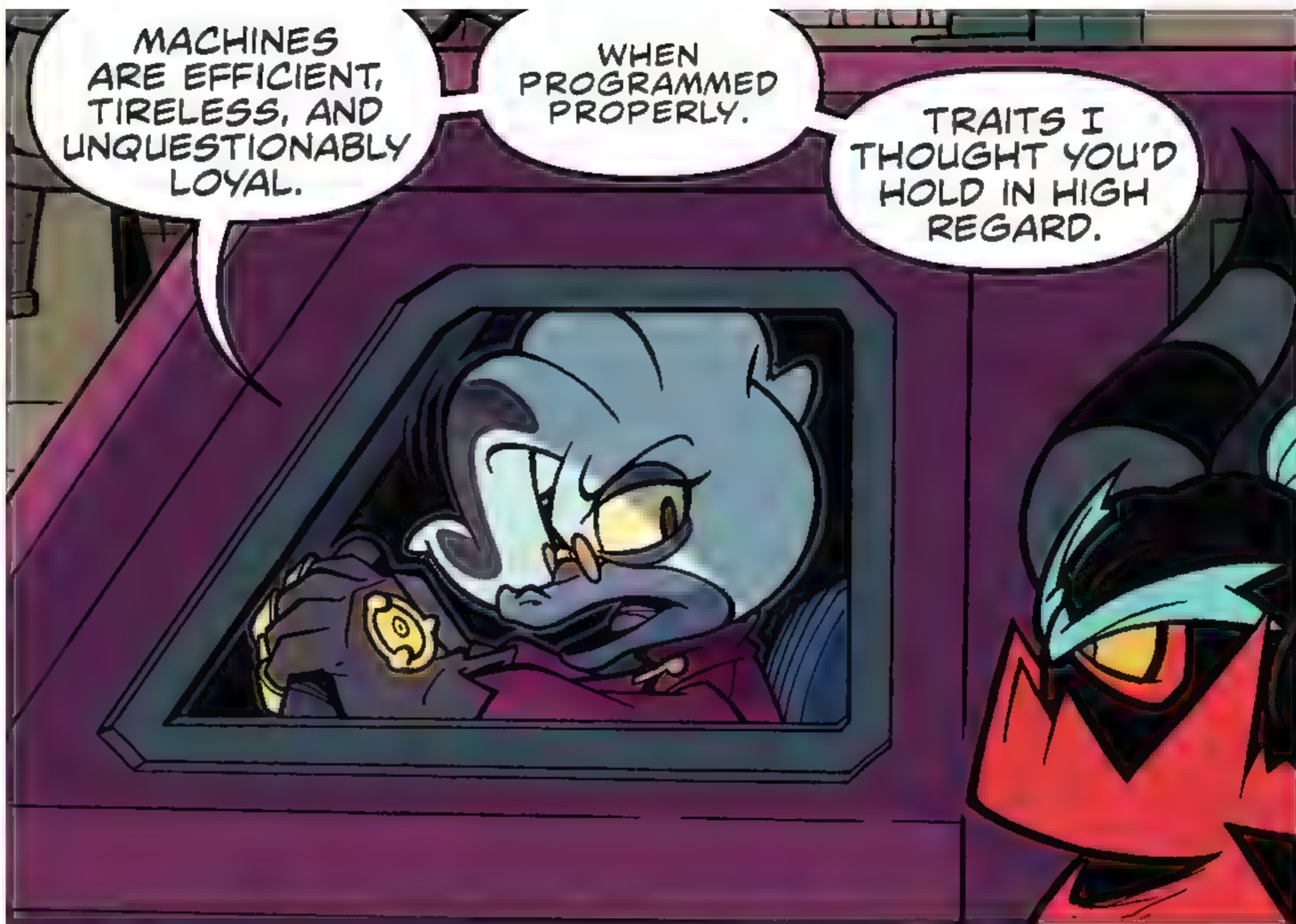








THIS IS WHY I WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THIS OVER-RELIANCE ON MACHINES YOU SHARE WITH EGGMAN.



MACHINES ARE EFFICIENT, TIRELESS, AND UNQUESTIONABLY LOYAL.

WHEN PROGRAMMED PROPERLY.

TRAITS I THOUGHT YOU'D HOLD IN HIGH REGARD.



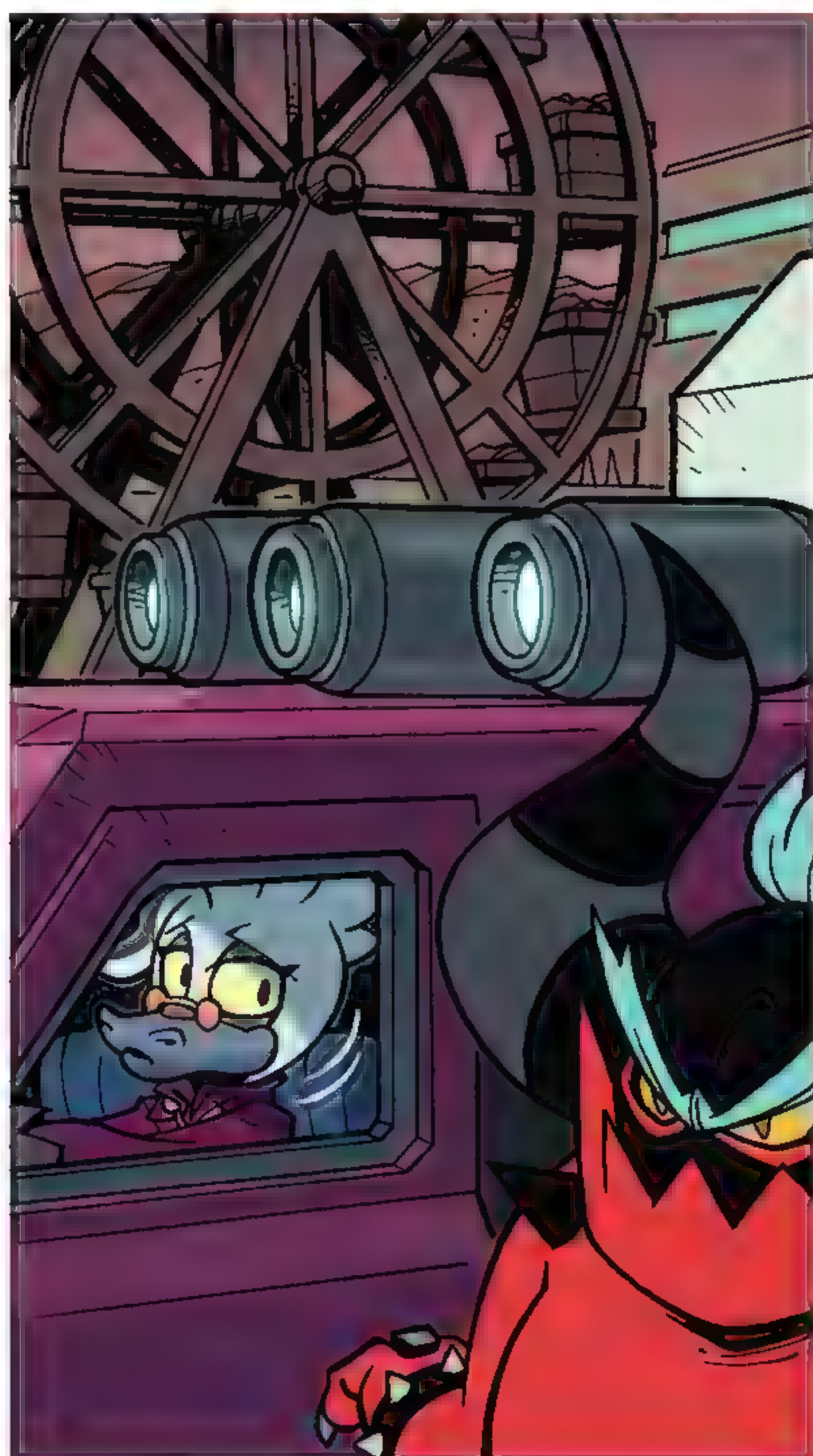
AT THE COST OF FLEXIBILITY, PASSION, AND INGENUITY. ROBOTS ARE FINE TOOLS, BUT ONLY THAT.

STRONG WARRIORS WILL DO EVERYTHING A ROBOT CAN AND MORE.



AND IN THE TIME YOU FIND A DOZEN, I CAN BUILD YOU AN ARMY OF THOUSANDS.

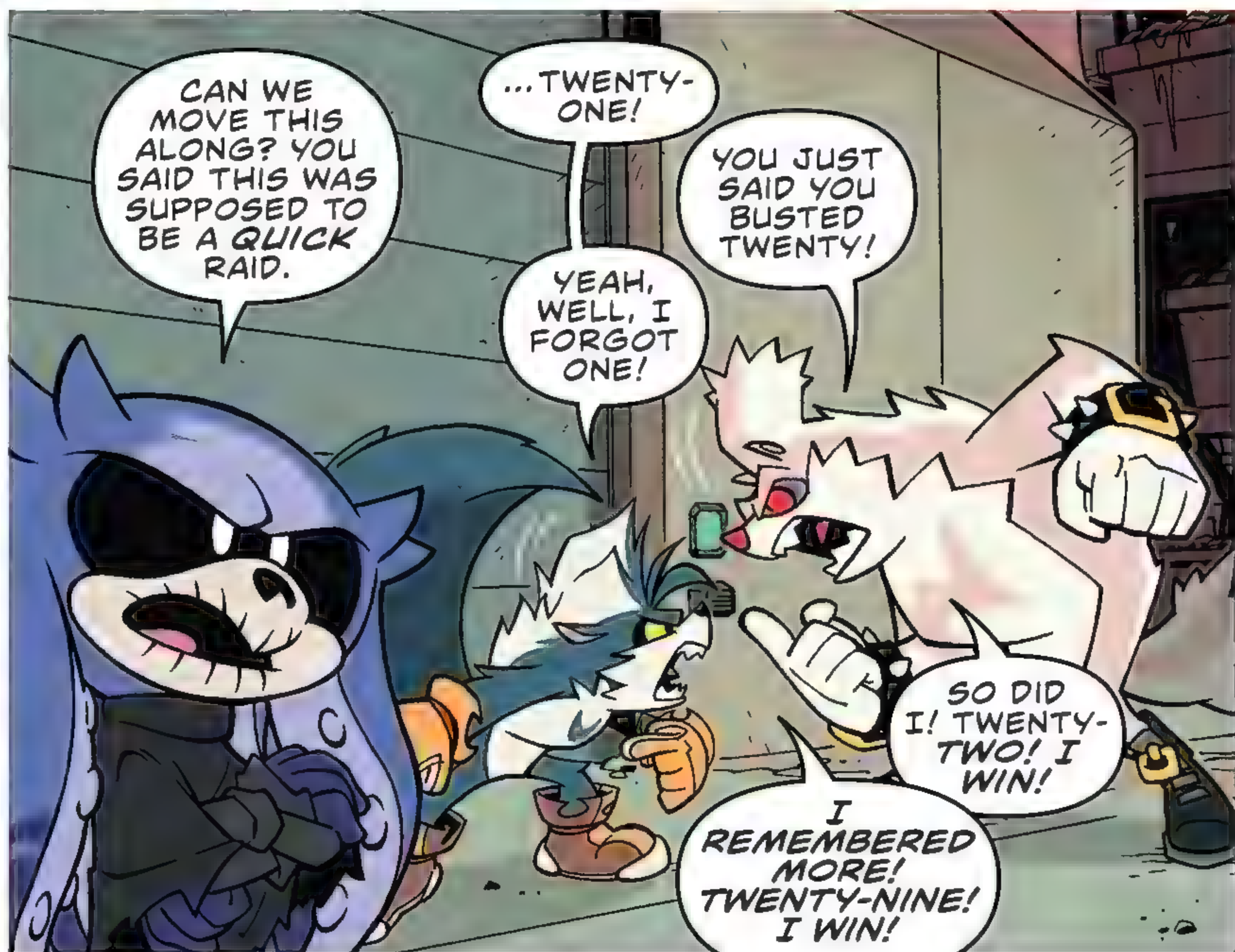
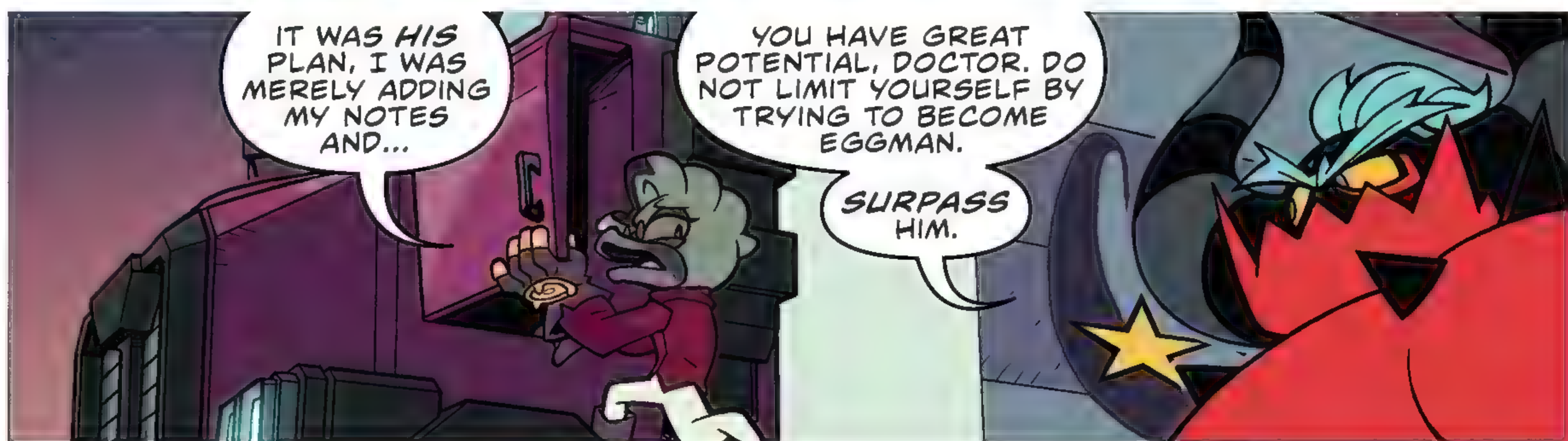
NONE OF THEM WILL DISRESPECT YOU. IGNORE ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE. THROW YOU AWAY ONLY BECAUSE YOU DARED TO DISAGREE WITH HIS KNEE-JERK REACTION--!

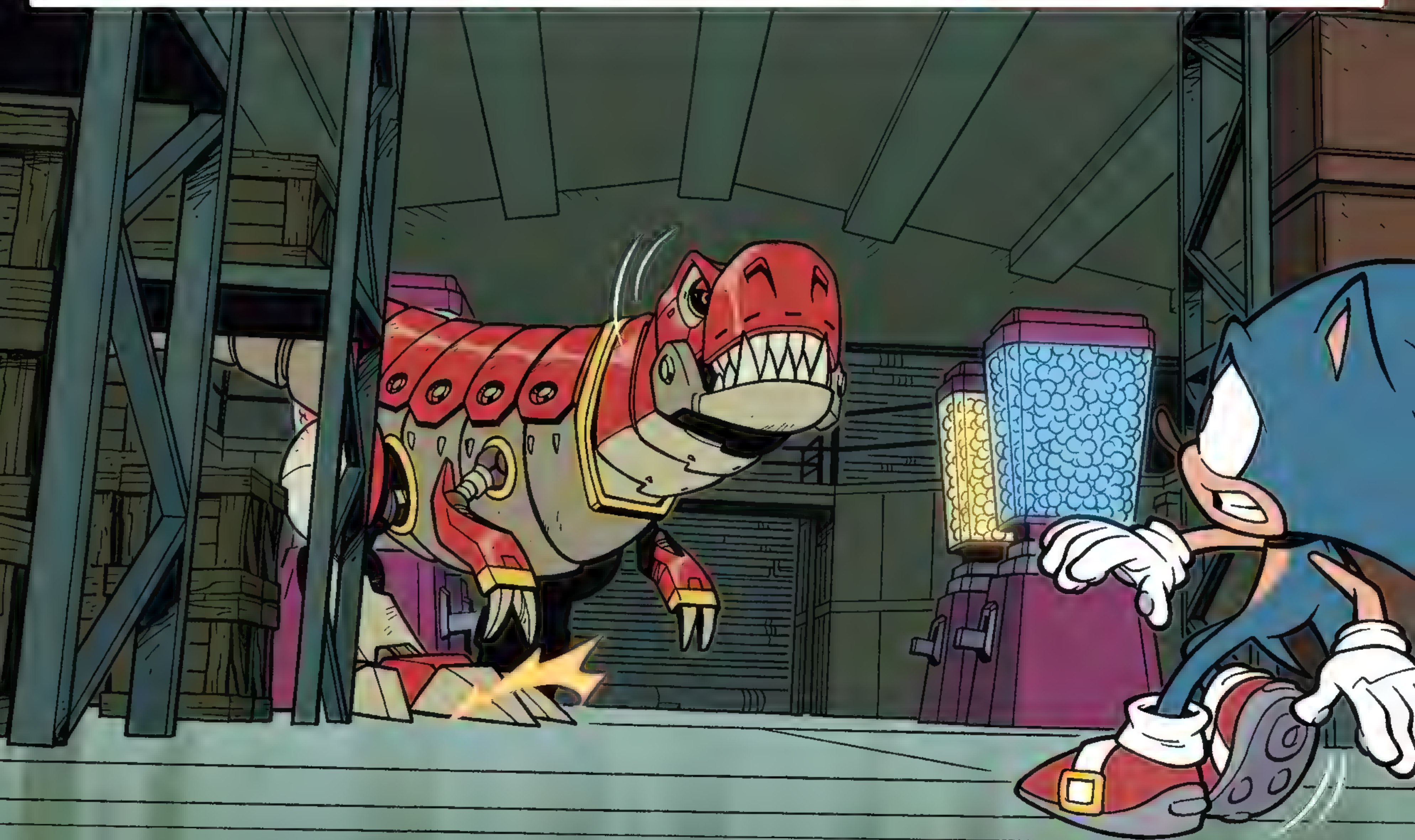


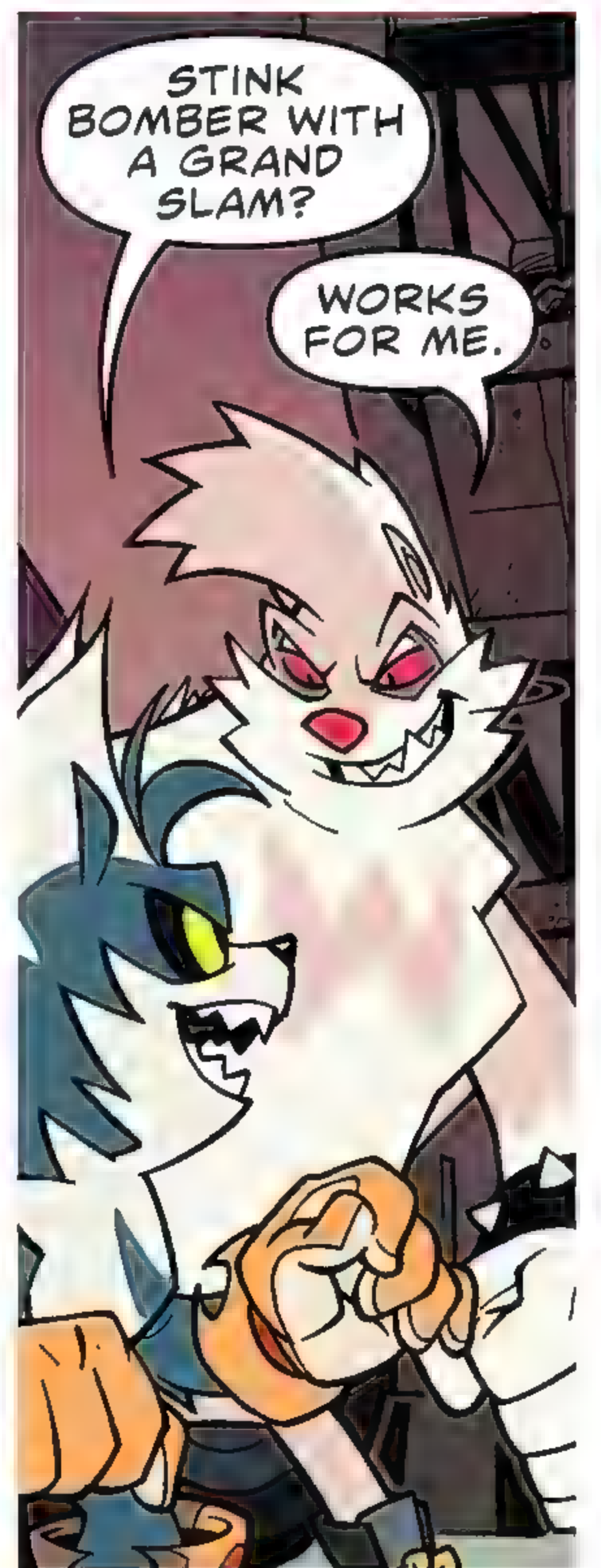
HE WILL NEVER TAKE YOU BACK.

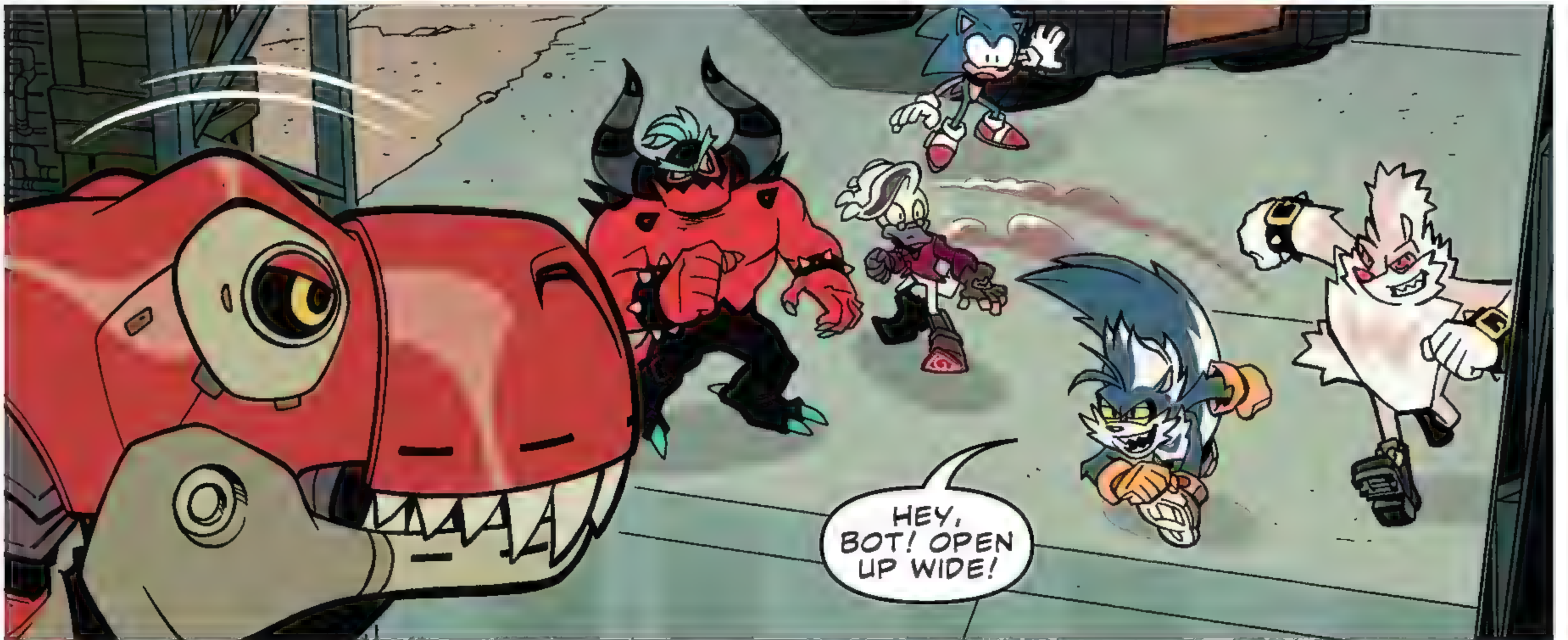
THAT'S... FINE. WE'RE IN THIS FOR REVENGE, REMEMBER?

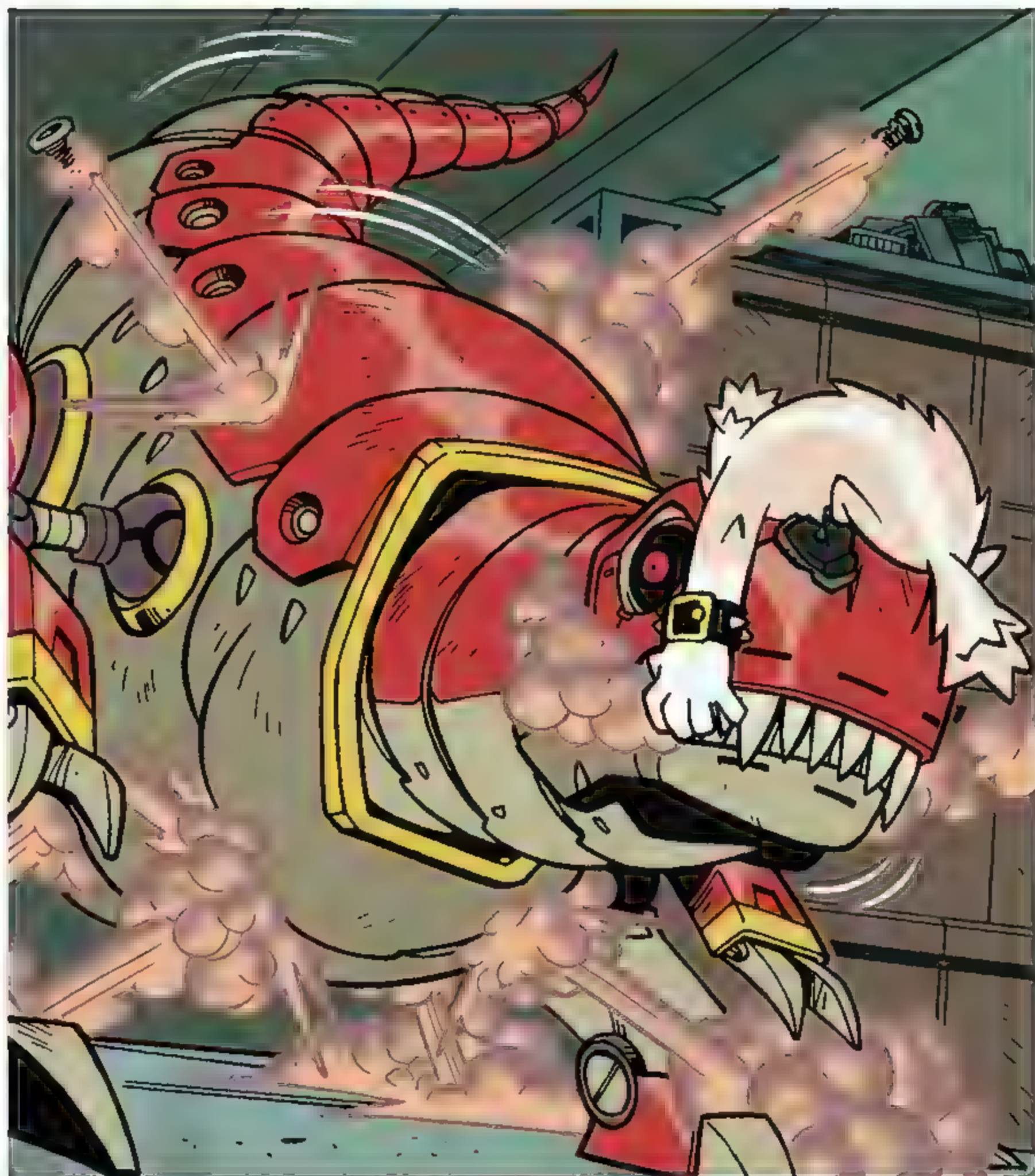
MORE IMPORTANTLY-- YOU DON'T NEED HIM.

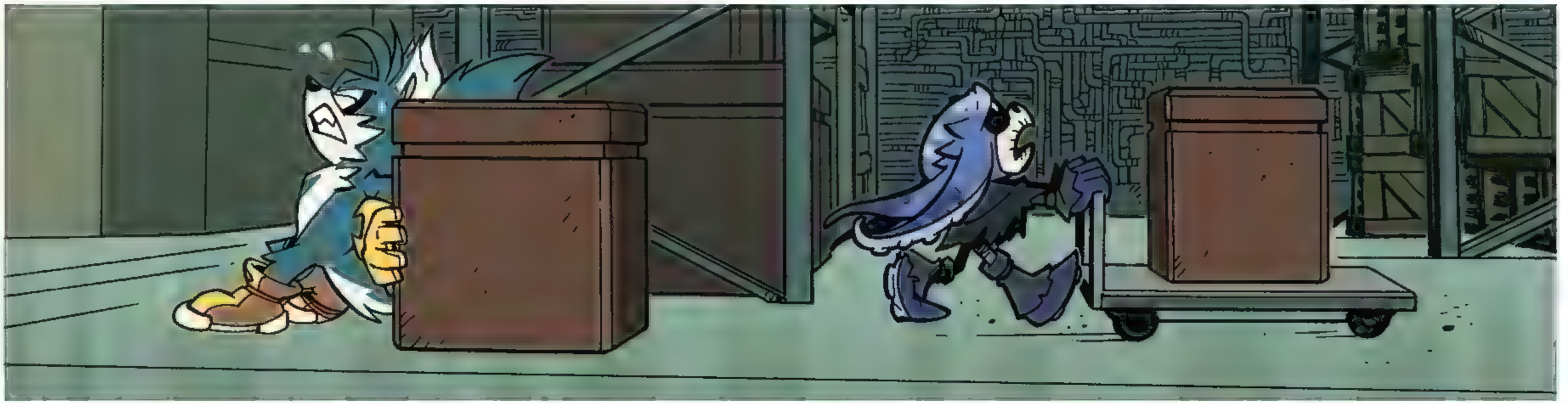
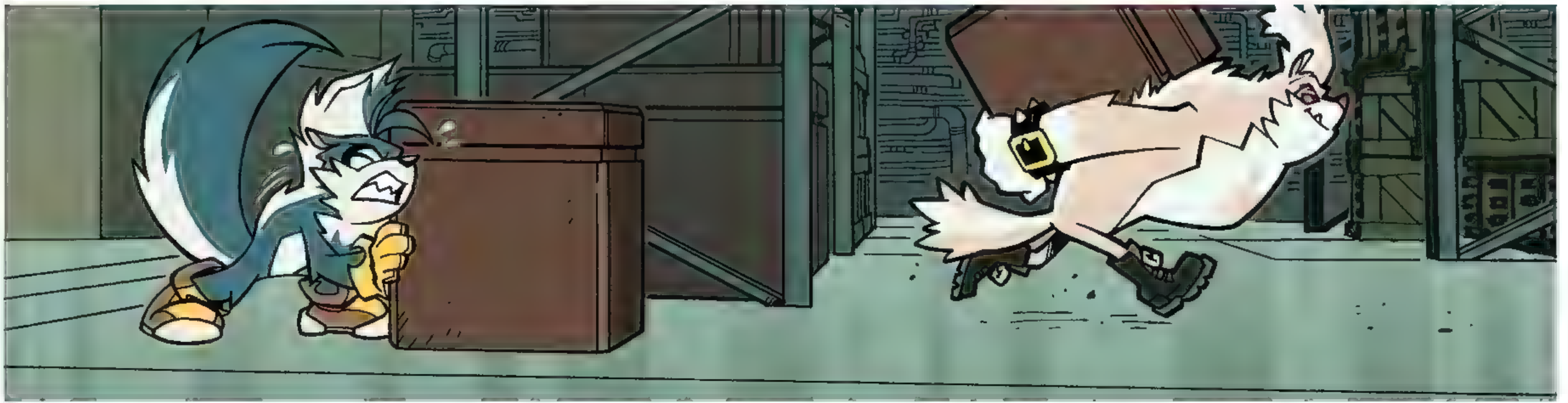
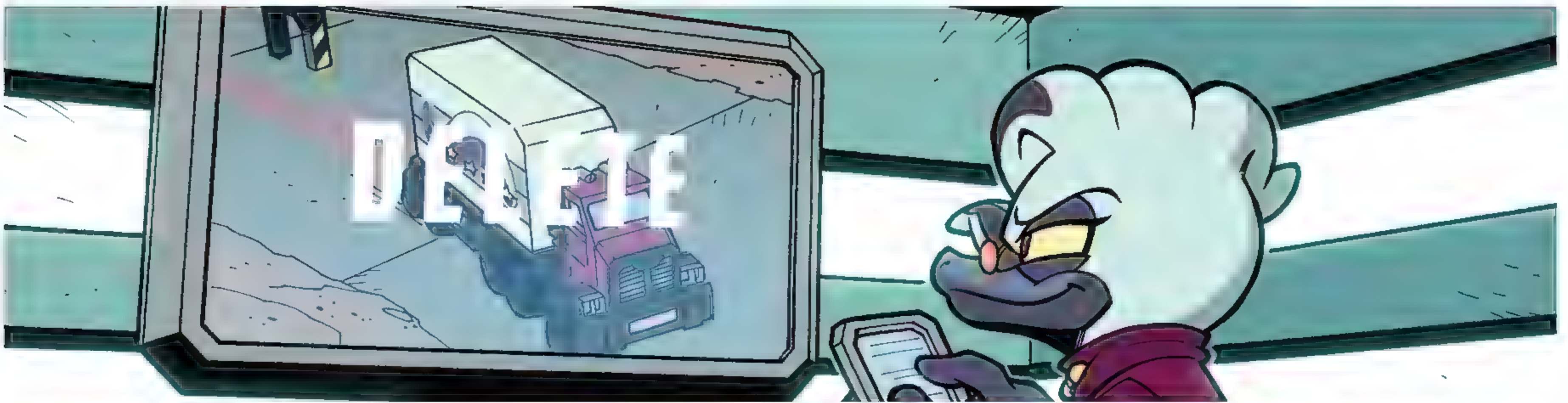


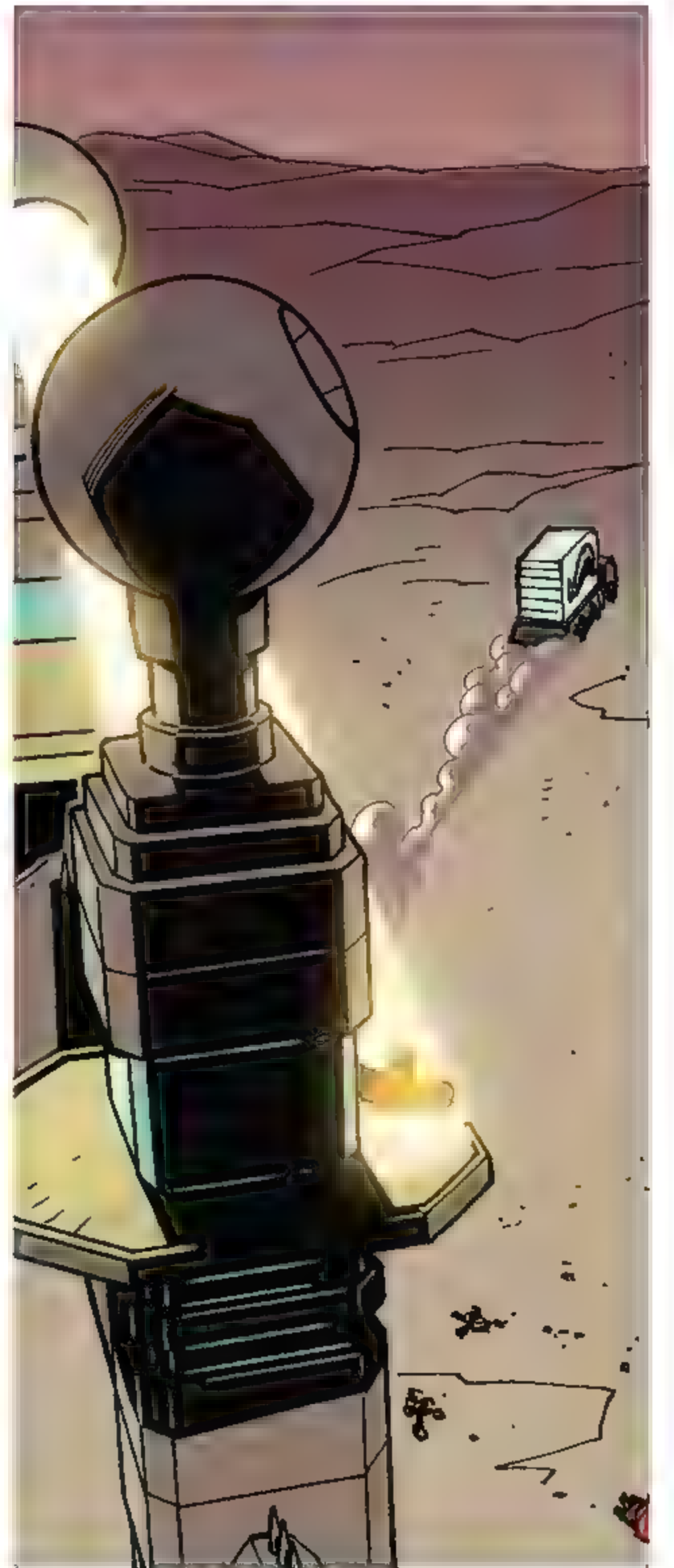
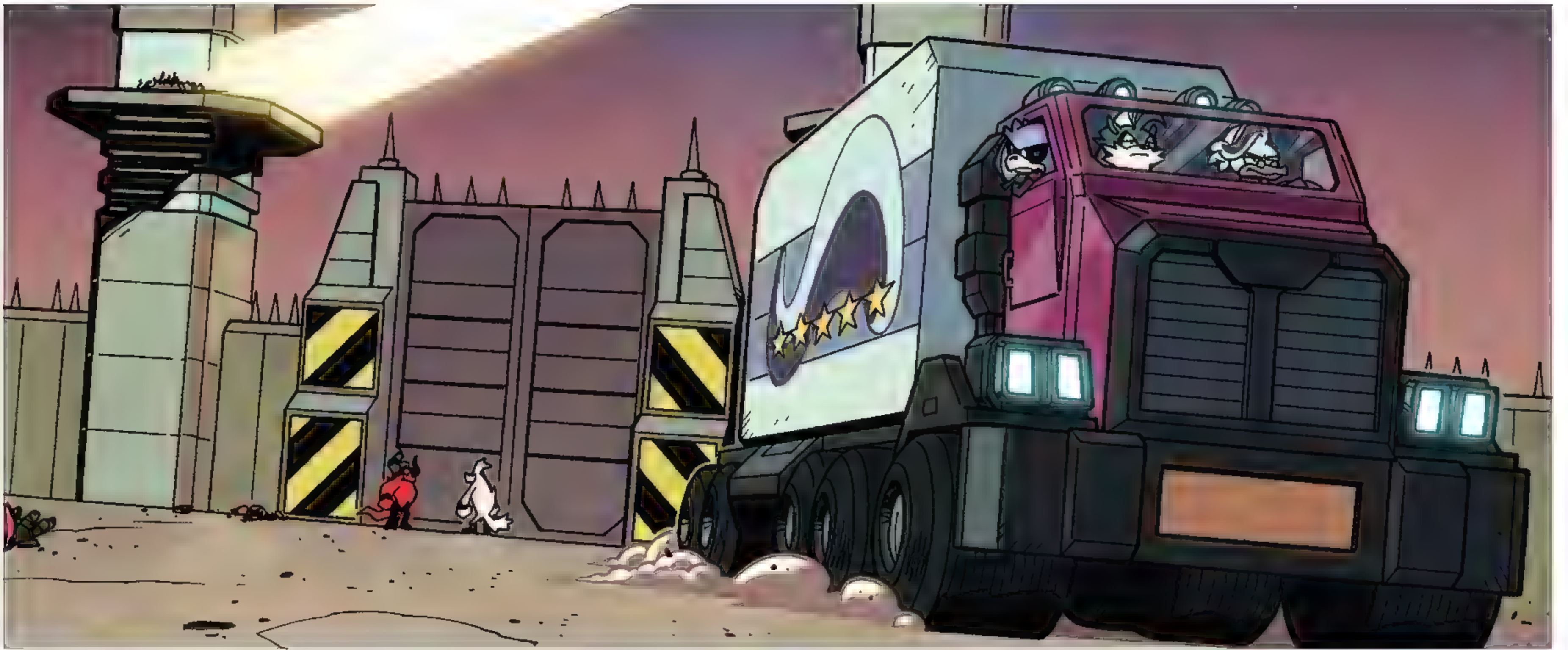












THE NEXT DAY...



HERE'S THE REPORT, BOSS. IT ISN'T PRETTY.



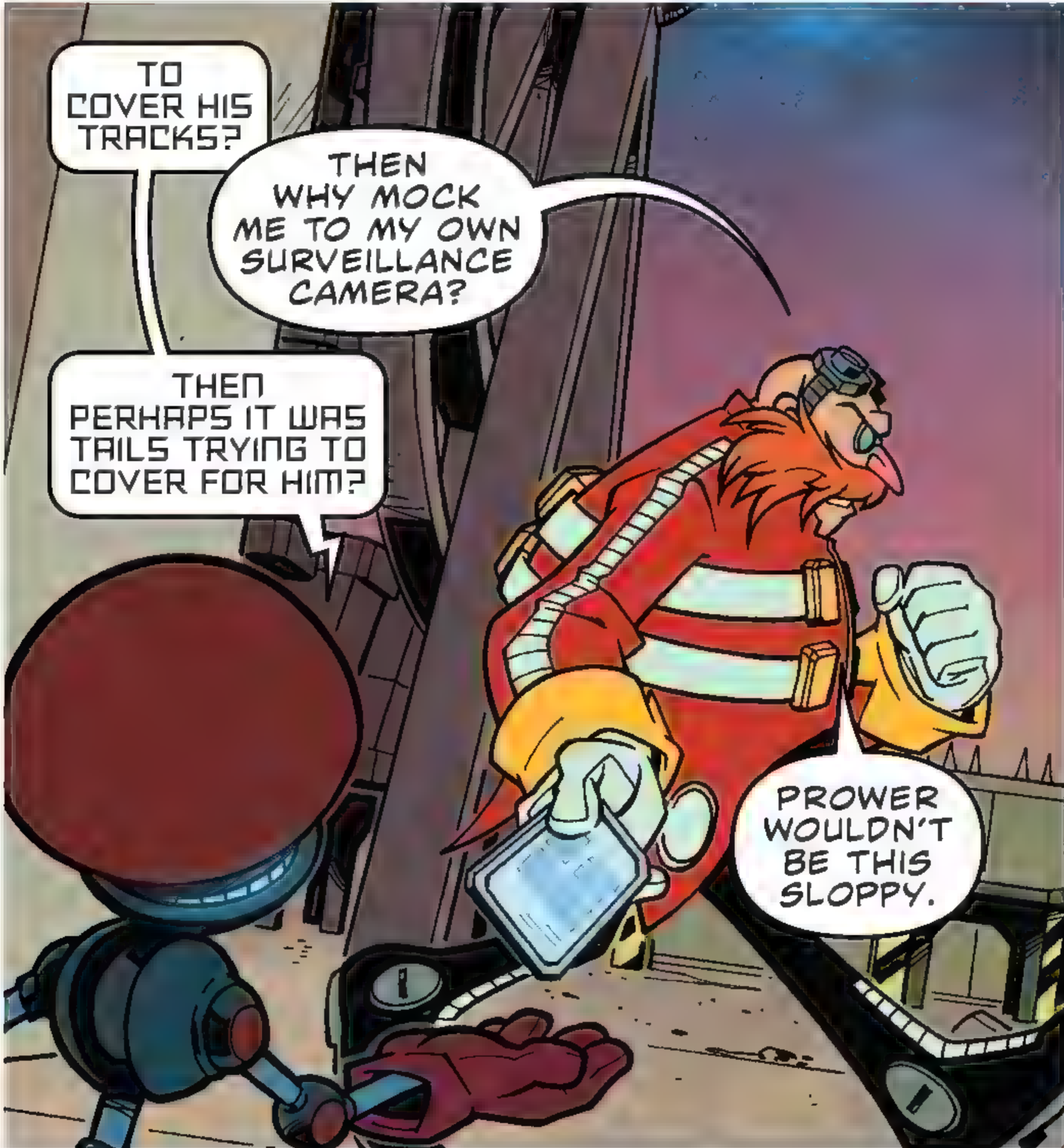
YOU CALL THIS A REPORT?

IT'S ALL WE HAVE ON FILE, BOSS. BUT IT SEEMS PRETTY CLEAR SONIC IS TO BLAME.



THERE'RE MISSING DATABASES. AND THE SECURITY FOOTAGE IS INCOMPLETE.

WHY?



TO COVER HIS TRACKS?

THEN WHY MOCK ME TO MY OWN SURVEILLANCE CAMERA?

THEN PERHAPS IT WAS TAILS TRYING TO COVER FOR HIM?

PROWER WOULDN'T BE THIS SLOPPY.



NO, SOMETHING ELSE IS GOING ON. AND WHEN I FIND OUT WHO'S UP TO IT, THEY'RE GOING TO PAY DEARLY.



ZAVOK
HAS A POINT. NO
ROBOT I'VE BUILT
WOULD'VE DONE
WHAT ROUGH AND
TUMBLE DID.

BUT I WON'T
ALLOW MYSELF TO
RELY ON ANYONE
AGAIN. NOT IN THE
WAY THE TEAM
THINKS I RELY ON
THEM NOW.



FOOD FOR
THOUGHT ONCE
I CAN MOVE
FORWARD WITH
MY LONG-TERM
PLAN.

FOR
NOW, I MUST
FOCUS ON THE
PRESENT...

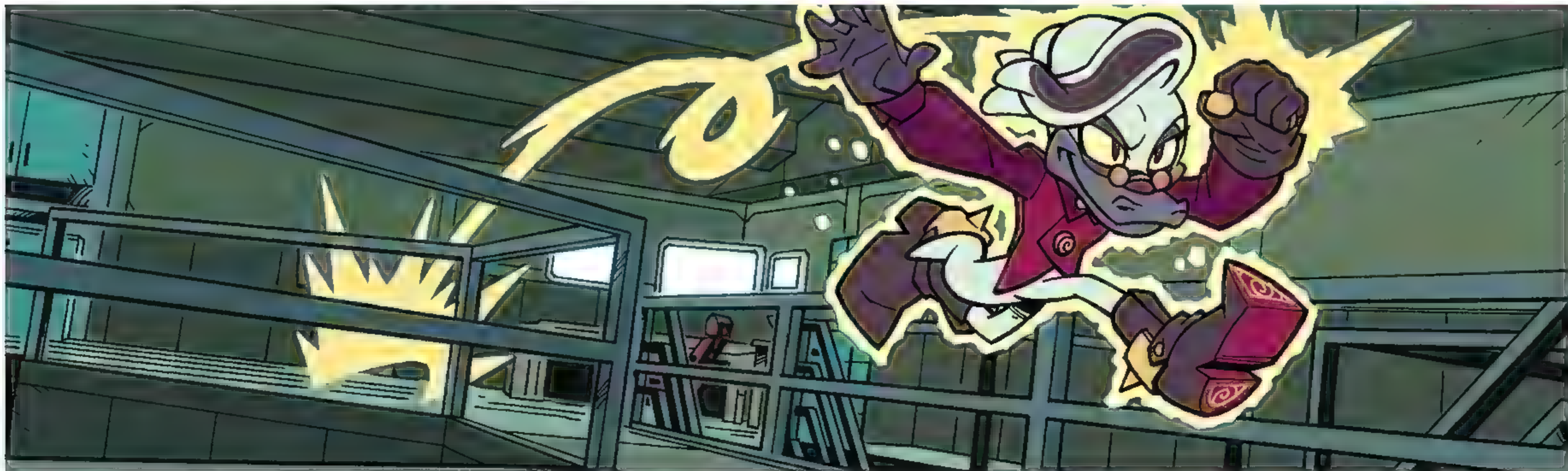
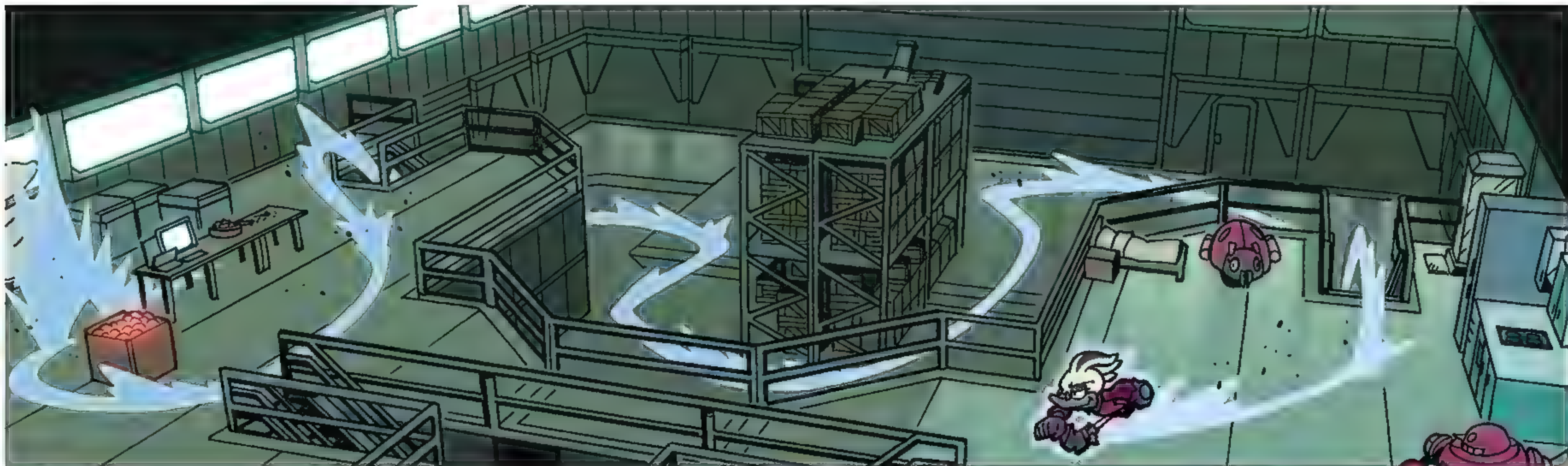


...TO
ENABLE THE
FUTURE.



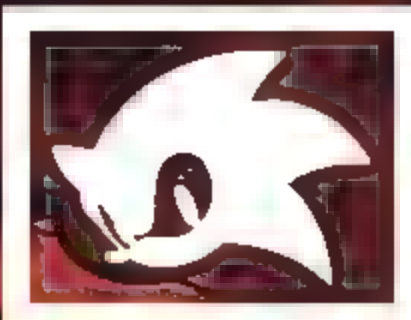
AND I'M ONE
STEP CLOSER
TO ACHIEVING
THAT DREAM NOW
THAT I HAVE
THIS!

A MEANS
TO ENSURE I
NEVER HAVE
TO RELY ON
ANYONE
AGAIN!



...WITH
THE POWER
OF THE
TRICORE!

**NEXT TIME:
POWER GRAB!**



NEXT MONTH





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ART DIANA SKELLY



ART JACK LAWRENCE **COLORS LEONARDO ITO**

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LETTERS SQUAD

Uh oh... Starline's got some new powers! This isn't good... but something tells me the other Bad Guys have something up their sleeve... Thanks for joining Ian Flynn, Jack Lawrence, Leonardo Ito, and Shawn Lee for the second installment of Sonic the Hedgehog: Bad Guys! Let's take a look at your letters and get to know a bit more about Jack Lawrence in the brand new "Creator Corner"!

Greetings IDW Sonic Team!

My name is Despina, I am from Greece and I am 12 years old (my big sister is helping me write this letter). I love drawing Sonic characters and I am very excited to share my drawing of Dr. Starline! He is one of my favorite villains from the series and I'd love to see more of him in the future. I hope you like it!

Thank you IDW Sonic Team for making awesome comics! They inspire me and make my day!

Best Wishes,
Despina



Greetings, Despina!

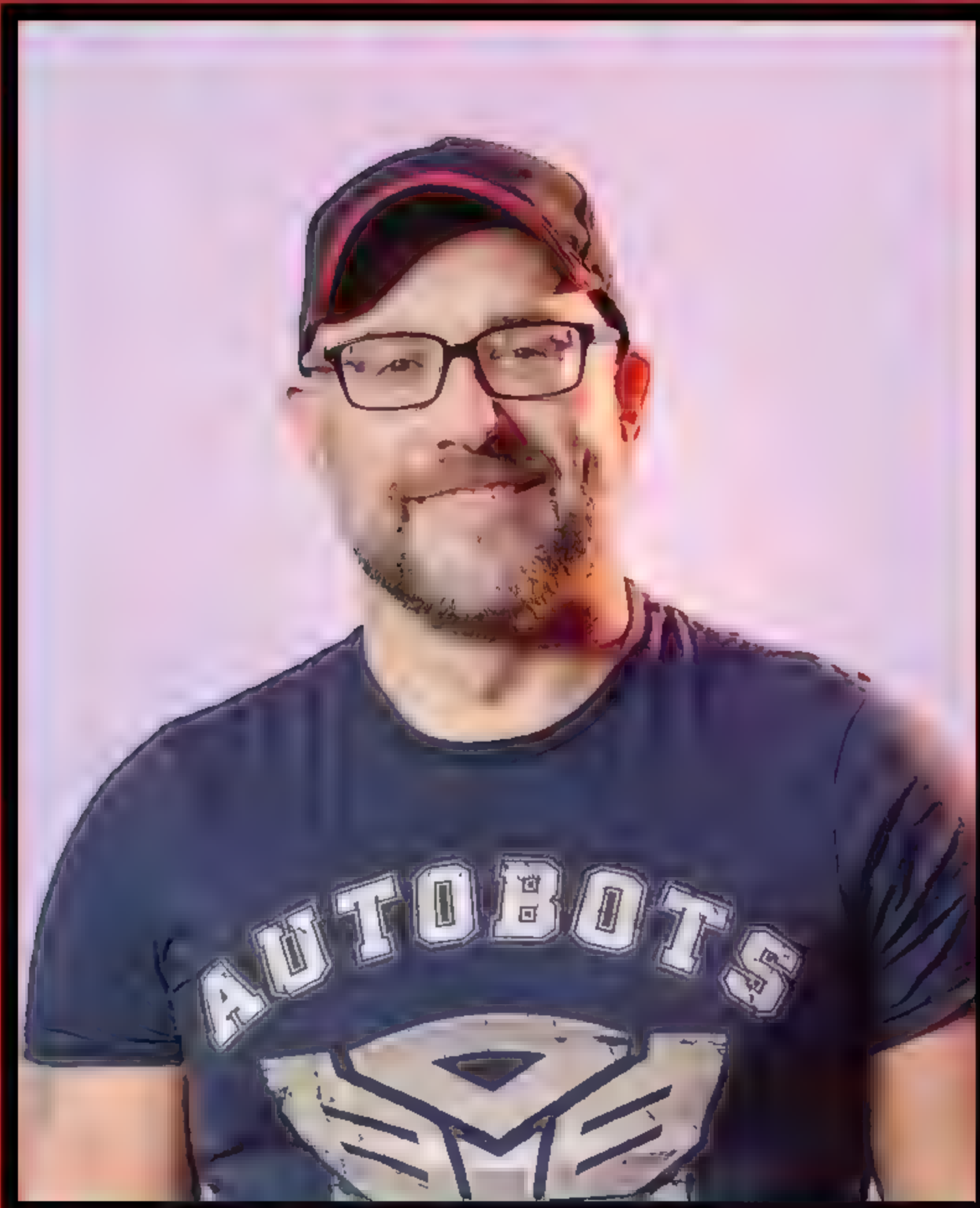
Wow! It's so cool that Sonic has fans all over the world! The IDW offices are in California, the creators are from the U.S., Canada, England, and many other places, and you're from Greece! Those places may be far apart for us, but I bet Sonic could visit all of us in a second.

I hope you're enjoying Starline in Bad Guys! Thank you for your wonderfully fun drawing and your kind words.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your Bad Guys art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, the bad guys test out their enhanced powers!



CREATOR CORNER: JACK LAWRENCE



1 What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I do the line drawings, from pencils to finished inks, ready to be sent over to the colorist.

2 Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Mimic. I love how bad he is, and he looks so cool! He's a tiny little bundle of nastiness and I love him!

3 How do you take your chili dog?

I've never eaten a chili dog in my life. They're not a big thing here in the UK. I love a hot dog though; just a bit of mustard on it, thanks.

4 How did you first discover Sonic?

When I was at school, I used to walk through a shopping mall every morning on my way there, and one day this TV display in an electronics shop was playing the demo of the very first Sonic the Hedgehog game. I was 15 at the time and it completely blew me away! I got my first part-time job as a cleaner just so I could earn enough money to buy a Mega Drive so I could play Sonic.

5 What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

I think I worked on the 2019 Annual first, but issue #15 was my first full issue.

6 What's a boring fact about yourself?

I love putting things into protective things, like putting trading cards into sleeves, or my Funko Pops into Pop Protectors. I could do it all day; it's amazing!

7 What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

My all-time favorite is *Akira*, but my favorite current comic is *My Hero Academia*.

8 What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?

I'll either be preparing for or playing Dungeons and Dragons, probably.

9 What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

I have a tiny Chopper toy that came in a little egg full of sweets back in the early 90's. I got it from the shop up the road from school. It was a bit disappointing, because I'd have preferred pretty much any toy except Chopper, so I got another egg a bit later and got, guess what? Another Chopper. Ridiculous.

10 If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

I'd probably go with Silver; he's very sweet and I think he and I would get on really well.

11 What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

I'd be a badger!

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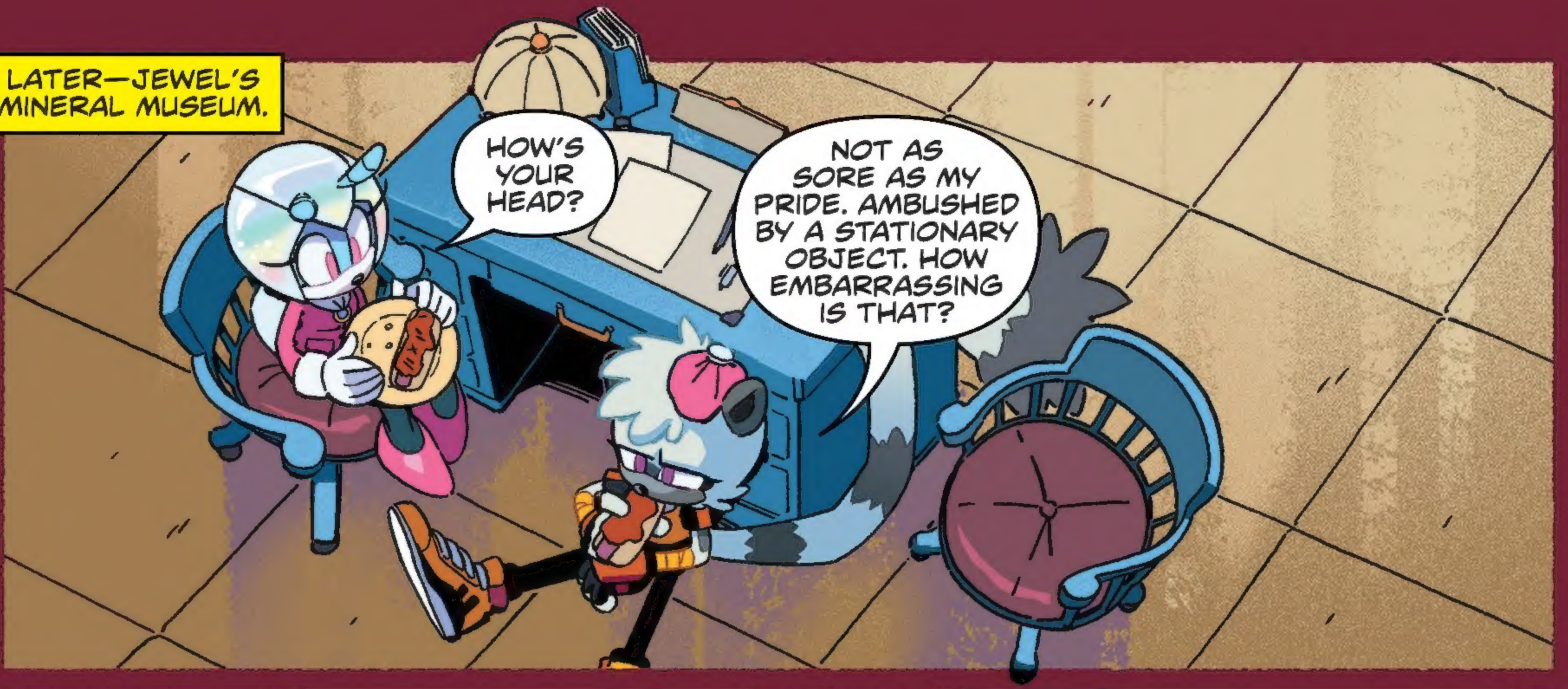
C'MON
EVERYONE!
IT'S A
GORGEOUS
DAY!

RACE YA
AROUND THE
VILLAGE!
ANYONE!
EVERYONE!





LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.



HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE. AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?



TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA
OW HA
HA



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...



...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!



AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?

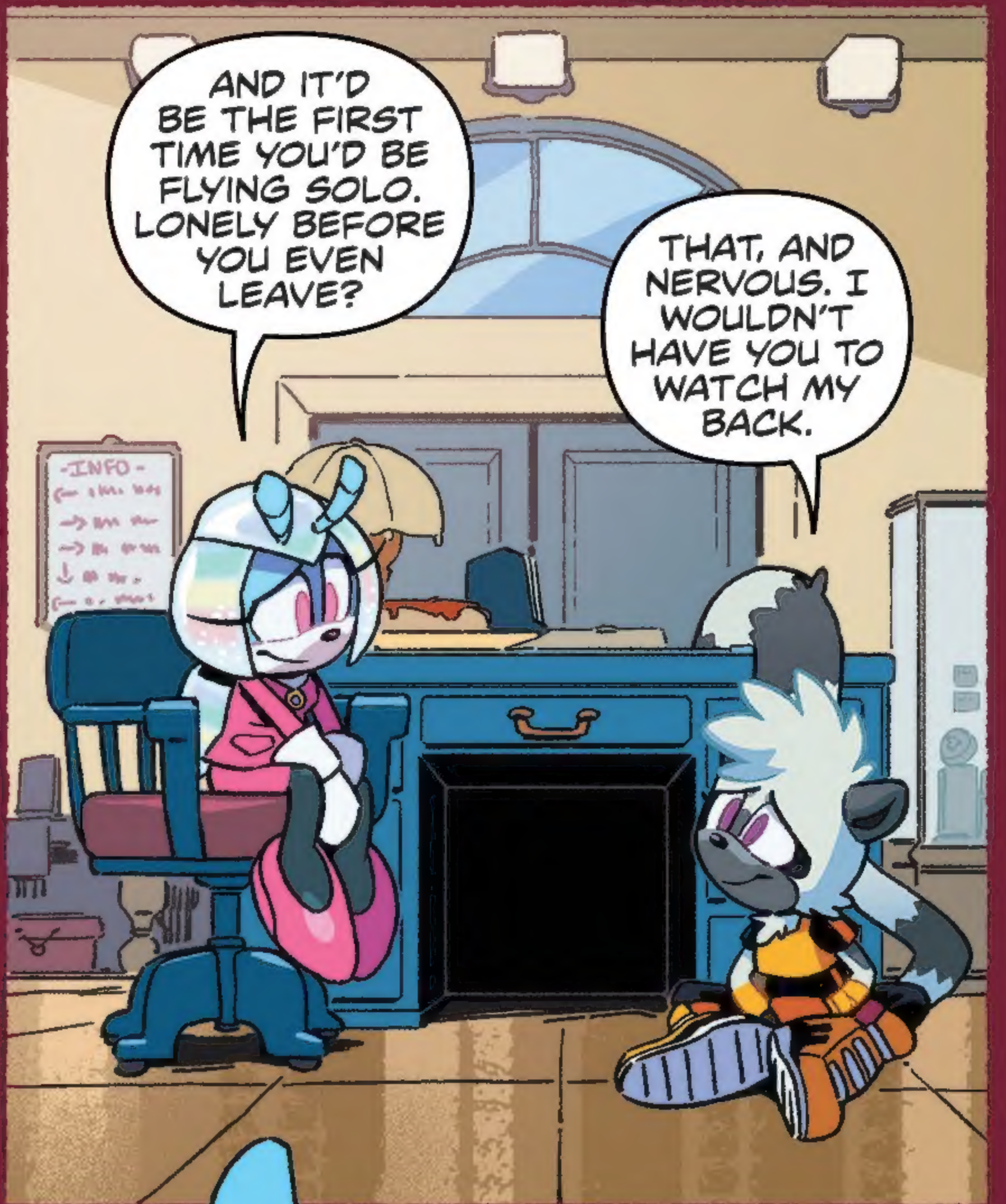


I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S TEMPTING, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?

EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.*

IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4.



AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?

THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.





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